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SUBJ: (U) DELIVERY OF DISAPPEARANCE LISTS

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S2000000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS CASE LISTS PREPARED BY AISC, ARGENTINE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE WERE PRESENTED TO HEAD OF FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS (FOWG) ON MARCH 30TH. EMBASSY POLOFF MADE POINTS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL A TO FOWG HEAD ARLIA. (EMBOFF LATER, IN A "CORRIDOR CONVERSATION" WITH MFA NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ESPECHE GIL, WENT OVER SAME GROUND).

3. MINISTER ARLIA DUTIFULLY RECEIVED THE LISTS AND AFTER RESPONDING WITH A PRO FORMA STATEMENT REGARDING "INTERFERENCE IN ARGENTINE INTERNAL AFFAIRS," MADE THREE COMMENTS:

- - (A) NEITHER THE FOREIGN OFFICE NOR THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAVE THE MANPOWER NECESSARY TO REVIEW THIS AMOUNT OF INFORMATION. REQUESTS FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TO REVIEW ALL OF

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THIS MATERIAL WOULD BE FLATLY TURNED DOWN. THE GOA'S INFORMATION IS NOT ON COMPUTERS; EACH CASE MUST BE

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- (B) THE AISC LIST IS AN INACCURATE COMPENDIUM OF INFORMATION. THE AISC LIST CONTAINS INFORMATION NOT ONLY REGARDING DISAPPEARED PERSONS, BUT ABOUT PERSONS WHO WERE ARRESTED OR DETAINED LEGALLY, AND ABOUT PERSONS WHO WERE RELEASED. MANY OF THE SOURCES CITED IN THE AISC DOCUMENT ARE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY LINKED WITH TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. SPECIFICALLY INFORMATION FROM "EL AUTHENTICO", A MONTONERO NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THE MID-70'S, IS SUSPECT AND UNACCEPTABLE.

- (C) THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY'S LIST APPEARS HOWEVER TO BE A "SERIOUS DOCUMENT," AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL UNDERTAKE TO HAVE THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR REVIEW THAT SINGLE DOCUMENT.

4. COMMENT: IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAS PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY'S LIST OF 4,497 DISAPPEARANCE CASES WHICH APPEARED IN LATE 1978. THE MININT REVIEWED THE ASSEMBLY'S EARLIER MAY 17, 1978 LIST OF SOME 2,500 CASES AND PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THAT 67 OF THOSE CASES HAD, ACCORDING TO MINISTRY'S RECORDS, BEEN RELEASED.

END COMMENT.

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